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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT - FORMAL STATEMENTS

REF: STATE 192421

1. EMBASSY CONCURS THAT ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE STATEMENTS NOT NEEDED.

2. TEXT OF SUGGESTED TOAST FOR FORMAL DINNER FOLLOWS:
QTE PRESIDENT FORD HAS SAID THAT WE IN THE UNITED STATES "WELCOME THE CHANGING RELATIONSHIP BEING FORGED BETWEEN EAST AND WEST". I BELIEVE WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT OUR RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED. BUT THE TIME SEEMS OPPORTUNE FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT. I HOPE THAT THIS VISIT, MY FIRST TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY, CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROCESS OF ADVANCEMENT.
THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, WELCOMED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES, MARKS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL STAGE IN THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND IS A BASIS ON WHICH WE BOTH CAN AND SHOULD BUILD. AS PRESIDENT FORD STATED AT HELSINKI, "WHILE WE MUST NOT EXPECT MIRACLES, WE CAN AND DO EXPECT STEADY PROGRESS THAT COMES IN STEPS -- STEPS THAT ARE RELATED TO EACH OTHER AND THAT LINK OUR ACTIONS WITH OUR WORDS IN VARIOUS AREAS OF OUR RELATIONS".

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US-BULGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE HAS BEEN THE MOST

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DRAMATIC INDICATION OF OUR IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS. TRADE DOUBLED BETWEEN 1972 AND 1973, ALMOST TRIPLED BETWEEN 1973 AND 1974, AND IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR MORE THAN SURPASSED ALL OF 1974. THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT ANY FORMAL AGREEMENT, SIMPLY BY HARD WORK AND THROUGH PRACTICAL EFFORTS TO OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES, BECAUSE BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED THE MUTUAL BENEFITS TO BE OBTAINED.

CERTAINLY BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES SHOULD CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF TRADE, BUT THERE IS MUCH MORE THAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE AND BROADEN RELATION OBETWEEN US. TO BRING THIS ABOUT WRITTEN AGREEMENTS AND HIGH-LEVEL VISITS CAN SOMETIMES BE OF ASSISTANCE, BUT IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT THERE SHOULD BE A GREATER WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF EACH COUNTRY TO GET TO KNOW THE OTHER BETTER, TO TALK MORE FREELY AT ALL LEVELS, AND THUS TO CREATE CONDITIONS WHERE IT WILL BE WIDELY REGARDED AS NATURAL THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING THINGS TOGETHER FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I OFFER A TOAST FIRST TO YOU, MY HOSTS, THEN TO THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE, TO THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE THUS FAR, AND FINALLY TO THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON A BASIS OF REALISM, MUTUAL RESPECT, AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. UNQTE HERZ

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